GOV. HASKELL NAMES next January and I am exceedingly COMMITTEE ON KANSAS of before that time. PRISON INVESTIGATION

KANSAS AUTHORITIES COURT THOROUGH QUIZ

Sensational Report of Oklahoma's Woman Official Starts Teapot Tempest

mittee of five Oklahomans to act with investigation. a committee in Kansas to meet January 10 for the purpose of investigating the conditions of the Kansas pentientlary and the charges made by Ming Kate Barnard, state commissioner of charities of cruel punishment of convicts by the prison authorities.

of the Oklahoma committee; Governor E. W. Hoch, Topeka, Kan-Senator P. J. Goalding, of Enid: Hon-orable J. F. King, of Newkirk, Roa-orable W. H. Murray, ex-president Constitutional convention, Tishomingo George E , Cullen, Mine superintendent of Savannah. Am forwarding you copy report state charities commis-stones. C. N. HASKELL

The letter received from Governor Hoca by Governor Haskell requesting the latter to appoint a committee of Okiahomana to take immediate action a investigating the Lansing peniton-

tlary reads: "Hon, C. N. Haskell, governor of Oklahoma:

"On the 10th of last September I addressed you a latter concerning some charges made through Oklaho ma newspapers by Miss Kate Barnard, prison inspector of your state. with reference to the sanitary condition of the Lafsing penitentlary, and to the treatment of prisoners there. I suggested in that letter that it would give me great pleasure to unite with you in appointing a joint committee of prominent citizens from the two Hrakell, who was also a member of the state senate, promptly rose in Warm Show Pictures.

his sent and demanded a legislative Fire truck No. I answered an alarm

But the official relation of Miss Barnard to your state and to this insti-tution, owing to the fact that Oklatution, owing to the fact that Okla-homa has more than ault as many prisoners in our institution as has Kulaus, renders another investigation seamingly necessary. I desire that it shall be thorough and complete and that it shall forever settle the ques-tion as to the condition and manage-ment of the Kansas penitentlary.

"I am informed that Miss Barnard as filed formal charges on the sub-ect with you, and in behalf of Warden W. H. Haskell and in behalf of the state administration, I ask you to appoint a committee of five to join with a similar number of gentle-men that I have selected to make this investigation and make it immediately. I go out of office on the 11th of

"I have not yet seen the official re-port of Miss Barnard and hence am not familiar with the exact charges she makes, but it is Warden Haskell's desire as well as mine, that there be a thorough investigation of the sanitary condition of the pententiary, the modes of punishment, the dally diet and all matters pertaining to discipline, general care of prisoners and everything conceted with the

"These charges have been wijely published and it is due to Warden dinskell and to the state of Kansas that they be investigated. I have already asked the following five gentlemen to make this investigation on behalf of the state of Kansos; Prof. k. W. Blackmar, of the chair of soclology and economies at the State University, Hon. P. D. Coburn, sec-cetary of the state board of agricul-ture; Dr. S. J. Crumbine, secretary of the state board of health; Dr. Char-les M. Sheldon, author and breacher; Responding to the invitation of and Hon. Frank Giking, state mine in Governor Hoch, of Kansas. Governor lay in this matter and that the earliest evening appointed a com-

"I wish you would kindly have sent me at once a copy of the charges also by Miss Harnard."

or of charities of cruel punishment of convicts by the prison authorities.

Gklahom: Committee

The following is the telegram sent by Governor Haskell hast evening to Governor Hoch announcing the names

Miss Kate Barnard, commissioner of charities, claims to have a complete chain of evilence of the destruction of the "crib" and "water cure" tokens at the Lansing prison since Governor Hoch announcing the names

atiss Barnard was preparing to give sas. Have appointed on committee following gentlement: J. P. Connors, requested the appointment of an Okpreshient State Board Agriculture, lahoun committee. This evidence will be presented at the joint com-mittee investigation.

(By Associated Press)

Pittsburg, Pa. ,Dec. 26.—Expectancy prevails here today as to the nature of to those made by Miss Barnard, by a will be through and widespread and discharged employee while the last that many persons implicated will be legislature was in session. Warden incustedly by the first of the year.

investigation, which was made and at 2 clock this afternoon turned if the charges were ridiculous. from the Willis Talloring establish "Frequent evaminations of this in ment. Burning paper in the alley had stitution have been made by members, ignited billboards between the alley of our state board of health and their and Harrison avenue. The fire was

management of the institution

"Hoping to hear from you imme-liately, I am, E. W. Hoch,"

the next steps to be taken in the in vestigation of the graft scandal by the states to investigate these charges. Votors league and whether intimations I stated in my letter the belief that made by resecutors that sensations tur ponitentlary was one of the best developments would occur today will managed institutions of the kind in the United States and that Warden | materialize. In the absence of offi Haskell, in my judgment had few su-clai information it is not known how perfors. I still adhere to this belief far the Voters' league is prepared to I have talked to scores of prisoners go, the number of pers us to be at a single complaint from any of them rested who they are, or when definite against Worden Haskell. Sensational action will be taken. From many ru charges were made somewhat similar mors it is believed the investigation

reports have always been favorable, quickly extin nished with chemicals.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PRFVA

It was indeed a Merry Ciristmas in beans, one pound of coffee, a loaf of the capital city. The weather was bread, five p unds of best, can of corn ideal and the day passed quietly, ex- can of tomatoes and a jar of home capt for a little gun play disturbance canned fruit. The Salvation Army on West Harrison avenue about mil wishes to thank the general public for night and two minor fires which their liberal donations and especially caused the fire boys to break the day to e members of Guthrie Lodge, B. P. spirit of Christian love was exempli ton t wards the basket fund. fied in the homes. The children on The Christmas Spirit Prevailed. loyed immensely the Coristmas tree. There were dollers toys nice ness and the presents. Many a family resultable warm clothing, sweets, union dinner was served. Dinner partimaning the Christmas tree and a job ties were given and the day was fitting | good time for the inmates of the Ros ly brought to a close with as clabora of the hume and the Okinhora Children' Christians hop under the auspices of Receiving home for Children. The local Elks at their bone on North different clabs of the city made Christ

The Christians tree exercises given The members of the Domestic Science at the different courches on Christians club and Benevoient society were busy

eve were largely attended and the all week decorating the Christman programs given by the Sunday school trees and naking arrangements for a children proved especially interesting. Merry Christman for all.

The Salvation Army made the page and needy gird by sending a bandsame and each child was supplied with all Christman forms banket to fifty away.

of rest and gladness. The Christmas O. E., which gave a large cash dona

Division street, which was largely at man practicable by providing all tail tended. for the nine children in the Receiving home and the girls in the Reseue home

IS FISTIG CHAMPION

FIRST OF RACE TO WIN HEAVYWEIGHT SLUG-GING HONOR

DEFEATED CANADIAN AFTER FOURTEEN ROUNDS

'Canuck'' Completely Outclassed By Husky Colored Gent From Texas

(By Associated Press.) Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 26-Jack

Johnson, the big negro from Gaives ton, Texas, is the world's heavy veight champion puglist. He won the itle today in the big arena at Rush rutter's day from Tommy Berns, the rench-Canadhan, who had held it since James J. Jeffries relinquished b and after a chase of Burns that led

The end came in the fourteenth roun; when the police, seeing Burns lottering and unable to defend himself from the savage blows of his op-ponent, mercifully stopped the fight. Previously it had been arranged that f the police interfered a decision should be rendered on points and secree McIntoch declared the big black man the winner, for all through be fight he had shown himself Burn's tester in every style of fighting. Burns, in an interview after he had cone to his dressing room, said:

"I dhi the best I could and fought bard. Johnson was too big and his ceach was too great."

Jackson Johnson is the first negro who ever won the world's heavy weight puglistic championship over act, he is the only negro who ever r. He was born in Galveston, Tex-n 1878 and began his ring career in 901. He is six feet, I 3-4 inches in eight and weighed at the ringside ose to 190 pound

Burns was born in Lamover, On ario, in 1881, and started fighting then he was 19 years old. He is five eer, 7 1-4 inches in height and weigh ben trained for battle 175 pounds surns always was a rough and ready alx things with his afversary. Fav co.i with great length of arm-his each measuring 74 1-2 inches-Burns as proved himself a bad man at lose range. Despite the fact that chason overtopped him in height by 1-2 inches, Burns had the netter of se argument in reach by 1 3-4 inches.

A purse of \$35,000 was bung up for ne battle, which was scheduled to go wenty rounds. Of this amount Burns counted and received \$50,000, this me to be paid to him desidto the utcome of the fight. Johnson had to e satisfied with \$5,000, and return lickets to London for himself and his

amager. Sam Fitzpatrick,
According to reports both Johnson
nd Burns het heavily on themselves
t the provalling odds, which slightly avored Burns at the ringside. The ighters were trained to the hour and ought before what probably was the a Rest crowd that ever witnessed a callstic contest. Burns did his trainne at Darling Point, while Johnson e in condition at Manley, a searld uburb. Besides a retinue of skill at trainers who gave the men daily cactice at the game of hit, stop and setting, both Burns and Johnson folawed American training methods by sing hard road work. Each man lekel up a let of locas change by lying training exhibitions twice a cek at the stalfum

Since James J. Jeffrics retired and commy Burns plained the champion-hip Johnson has been trying to get he Canadian boy to meet him, and he as trailed him throughout the United as trailed him throughout the United littles and even to England in quest & a match. It was not until McInch, the promoter of this fight, and who also acted as referee, offered a surse of \$5.000 for a battle at Rush litter's Bay, a subarb of Sydney's. hat Burns consented to meet John on. Then he stibulated how the oney should be split up, the size of the ring and all the conditions aucounding the fight. Johnson immedi-italy accepted and sailed from 1 on

to for Australia to begin training. Johnson during his ring coreer, age ought buy-four buttles, and twentywo of his opponents have gone down lefem by the knockou; route to sleep by the big black arm: lettrize, a brother of the former enviweight champion, who was

ise other on a four to Joe Jeanotte Not since the days of James J. Cor-bett ha athe prize ring seen so per-fect a boxer as Johnson. Long and lithe, he is as graceful as a dancing master and as true as an arrow in placing his blows. Especially deft is be with his left hand and few boxers unless they have great skill are able to keep the big black man from beat-ing their faces to tatters. In courage, Burns was a building al-

ways: Johnson, it was said by some, bad a "yellow streak" in none of his many battles, however, has it been proven that Johnson would not take a good reating. Neither Burns nor Johnson, however, have been considered men of the stamp of Jeffries, Sullivan or Corbett in fac fighting

SPOILED FIREMEN'S CHRISTMAS

Children overdoing Christmas cete bration were the cause of a paraaffernoon. The chikiren and been using Fourth of July torpeds sticks and after running out of caps used parior matches sparks which ignited quickly spread and at 3:55 Truck No answered an alarm from the resi-lence of J. S. Bishop, 1105 West Vashington avenue, upon whose proprty the barn was situated. The barr as a total loss and a barn on the affolding property owned by G. W. Randell was damaged to the extent of \$35. The total loss incurred was

Thursday night Truck No. 1 was alled to 217 South First street where n some mysterious manner the cloth ug of one of the lodgers in the room ing house at that number, had be-come ignited, filling the hours with smoke. A man occupying the adjoinng room, who gave the glarm stated, but a short time before he was awakand by the smoke he heard some uen in the hallway and one aftempt of to come into his room, but the lost was locked. The man whose dothing was found in flames was rob-led of \$3.50 during the right and the remen believe that a match dropped the thief caused the trouble.

Special to Buily Leader. Pryor Creek, Dec. 26-Lewis Rog rs who resided eight miles south ast of this city, a 22-year-old negro tax disappeared and neighbors say took with him a fifteen-year-ol

shite girl by the name of Dorg Fair. Rogers is a mularto, being, it is said bout one-half negro. The parents the girl were both write. The case an unusually dark and complicated one, owing to the peculiar marriage tirl, Dorn, is the daughter of Louis fair by his first wise, who was a white woman. After her death Fair narried Surah Dolan a stater or Lewis Rogers, the defendant.
It is claimed that Rogers had not

een with the girl heretofore, the firt rarely seing him but that the af ile was aranged by and through the offuence of the girls atepmother. Sheriff Dalias was notified or the ar est of Rogers at Kansas City, the girl first being detained by the matron t the enion depot. Accompanied by Fair he went to Kausas City and reurned with the couple. Rogers was duced in pall and the girl left at the herokee boarding house. Rogers on brought before Judge Brewster nd January 20th set for his prelim pary, provides the grand jury doesn't ict on the case before that date.

be a felony under the Oklahoma aw for a white person to marry any a fine of not more than \$500 and tot less than one nor more than five sears in the pentiunitary.

CONGRESSMAN DIES.

(By Amsociated Press,) New Orleans, La., Dec. 26-Con-desaman Robert C. Bayes, of Louizand, died here today after an illness several months.

RUSSIA'S

GOV. HASKELL DECLARES THAT LAW MUST BE FOLLOWED

FOLLOW-UP LETTER TO COUNTY ATTORNEYS

There's a Tax Limit in Okiahoma and Haskell Proposes to See It Enforced

In pursuance of his expressed de ermination as the state's colef execu ive to see that taxes are kept within he cloest possible bounds Governor (uskell has issued a third letter, this tine addressed to county artorneys. oncerning excess taxes. In the letter he governor reiterates his purpose to ee that tax levies are kept within the eastatutional limit, and declares that a necessary he will lavoke the aid of he afterney general of the state in en

"On the 11th day of December, after aving had a multitude of complaints om a large majority of the counties the state on the question of exces ive taxes, I fested a general lette arough the county clerks, to then be county attorneys, and the county omniboloners, urging an immediate avestigation in their respective coun-ies to ascertain whether or not their ounty was one wherein excessive tax vies for county, town or district pur

"Later on December 19 I fained econd general letter to the county orks, calling for lists of county, town nd district levies.

I am sure that y a will agree with no that the question of taxation is ce of vital interest to the people, and is not surprising that in this first ear of satchood the machinery of overnment, both state and Ecal hould not run with the amoothness ad precision that it will after a few cars of legislation and official famiarity with our laws.
"In most of these cases you will

aubtiess meet the same complainhat I have frequently heard from pub ic officials, who hesitate to consider he necessity for radical changes in color and tax rolls already prepared at I am more you will agree with me hat if the taxes are executive fre nust be reduced regardless of the facant it will make additional work for he public officials who make and keep he records. I may add that it takes additional work for you and a great solume of additional work for me, but we, like the county clerks and treas rers, must not heeltate to correct er oneous tax levies simply because of great burden of work on us. The copie are entitled to have their govrament o uducted on the lowest poslible am ant of taxation.

"With two thirds of the county lever now before me, the attorney gen ral and myself have fully conferred n all these matters, and are both eady and willing to render you any asistance dealred, as it is first you rivilege, as well as duty, to correct cese burdens me conditions wherever bey exist, and we consider that there re three main points in be looked

"In the tax levy within the specific

milation in the constitution! "If there is an excess in the levy r a special levy passed upon a votf the local people as authorized by the onstitution and laws, was that elecion in each instance one that was outhorized and was it legally held?

"The levy may be within the limits ion prescribed in the constitution, and ct be excessive and unauthorized. If

children proved especially interesting. The salvation army made the party first and needly gird by sending a bandsome the construction and sending and long the bankets were a several plan for all the construction and sending and the bankets were a several plan for all the construction and sending and the banket of the bankets were a several plan for all the construction and sending and the banket of the

a small amount of taxable property as Okfuskee county, would contemplate for a moment the building of a court house to cost such a sum of money, when we all know that Orfusker o unity in its new condition, where its taxpayers are struggling to build their homes, certainly can not afford to en-gage in any such reckless practices The complaint states that there are not 20 men in the county who would yote for such a court house. Ci course, if the people have a chance to vote upon such proposition, then they adopt their own policy to suit themselves, and public officials have the direct orders of the people of their county to back them, but until the people do vote. we respectfully call your attention to section 1423, Wilson's Statutes of Oklahoma, which authorizes you to appeal from any order made by the county board, and also authorizes tax-payers to appeal under the provisions laid down in said section; but no doubt the tax-payers us a rule rely largely on the extensive powers vested in the

county attorney. "I shall h pe to hear from Okfuskee county that there is some mistake in the complaint filed with me as to the action of its board of county commisdoners. I shall also hope to hear fr m the county attorneys in each new county that no such extravagances in public buildings is contemplated for one momes' without a proper election at which to people authorize the some by the votes.

"If there is any reason why you can of give the above tax matters your mmediate careful consideration, kind ly advise me, and I will present your reely to the attorney general. "Where the tax levies are above the

constitutional limitations, and where they are in excess of the reasonable necessities, they must be reduced with ut delay. "In case the time for appeal from he action of the board is pased, we

hen call your attention to the action provided for in section 440, Wilson's tatutes of Oklahoma."

J. E. Woodworth, statistical clerk of the state board of agriculture, is sponding Christmas week with his parents in Perry.

For Christmas presents Governor laskell, upon recommendation of the large tate pardon board, issued pardons to late pardon hoard, issued pardons to the first plain that have Oklahoma coavicts, including a interior boy, Edward Carpenter, Young anything on them. Zimmerman & Carpenter, 16 years old at the time, Forshay have not jost anything by

sen to the penitentlary.

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SWINDLE NEW YORK SCENE OF

GIGANTIC ATTEMPT TO DEFRAUD

SMOOTH SCOULDRELS ESCAPE ARREST

American Bankers Give Warning to All Financial Agents and No One Reported a Loss

(By Associated Press.) -Ne wYork, Dec. 28—No further deelopments in the bank swindle with spurious notes have occurred. The resterday offort failed to get the swindlers.

A wholesale swindle in spurious foreign notes has been discovered here. By it, socal bankers declare, spurious 1,000 franc notes of the Na-cional Bank of Belgium have been soid to the extent of \$400,000 to moncy bankers in New York, Philadelphia Boston, New Orleans, Chicago, Den-ver, San Francisco and many other

Zimmerman & Forshay, a braking frm at 2 Wall atreet, is credited with discovering the swindle.

The fraud came to the attention of Simmerman & Forshay in two ways. Swindlers who attempted to sell the firm 20,000 frames tiers fold on the spot that the notes looked bogus. The windlers didn't stop to argue the it the bad notes behind. In a day or so a great quantity of the spurious paper began to come in, not only from money brokers in this city, out in all he other leading cities in this coun-

The firm took all of these notes

cars on an assault charge. While viking in the mines at Lausing Carsenter lost his right arm. He was one of the Okiahoma convicts put under the water cure" punishment and his ovitence will be presented before the incestigation committee on January 10. Its mother lives near Guthrle. Carsenter is among the Okiahoma convicts veently moved to McAlester and he will arrive home today, a free man. Eugene James sentenced from Conanche county to serve ten years in 202 was another tacky convict. Kay ounty sent the other two paraioned nen to the penitonitary.

Arch Colling anythered to the sentence of the firm of Zimmers and the firm of Zimmers.

A member of the firm of Zimmers.

Kay county. He was sentenced in English to get around comfortably, The woman had a camera slung over Joseph Myers the other Kay county her shoulder and the mun carried a

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Special to Daily Leader. Tishomingo, Okla., Dec. 25.—Pive with its contents is a total ions reprisiness houses with their stocks, one resenting about \$5,000. produces a greater amount of money business houses with their stocks, one ben reasonable economic government jumber yard, two large warehouses, one residence and two barns, compris-The above applies to the township lag a major portion of the business disting a cased district, the incorporated trict of Ravia, an inhand town of 1200; was, and the county, all of which we poople, six miles from Tiskenshirm.

The question naturally arises in the building. The business than for the levy is on innot to be carried ever in case as a comparatively new form in the form of the few is without water works, hence the house, \$3,000, partially insured. Merelly amount, and fully half of the levy is on innot to be carried ever in case as a comparatively new form in the few in the properties. In the face of finness that water works, hence the properties in the properties. In the face of finness that water warried from turiding to building. The business states and ally two stores of any can block on the building was british by fixing the resolution and the building was british by fixing the resolution of the remaindance. The Merrill-Housien Lumber considered to the building was british by fixing the resolution of the business district and the building was british by fixing the resolution of the business should be a court to carried ever in the few in the form the business district and the building was british by fixing the resolution of the business bounces.

merchandise store of W. C. Hoosier. Pollowing is a complete list of the

Clark Bros., drugs, \$3,000, do insuronee: W. C. Hoosler, general mercha where the county levy for the poor half mane find finance fund amounts to \$6,000 that years collections under this same that year's collections under this same that the same fund was very much less than this amount, and fully half of the levy is or large as a series of the county and are measured to the fire started from a defective fine in the 'Sunflawer' store owned by L. D. Comstock, the "Sunflawer' \$1,000, the poor half insane fund amounts to \$6,000 the poor the poor half insane fund amounts to \$6,000 the poor the poor that year's collections under this same the 'Sunflawer' store owned by L. D. Comstock the "Sunflawer' \$1,000, partially insaned; \$1,000, the poor the poor that year's collections under this same that amount, and fully half of the levy is or half and the collections under the same than the 'Sunflawer' store owned by L. Before a collegiantively new town half to be carried ever in case as a set (Lavis a without watersames because the desiroyed by a fire that begins at the same and rase that the same and rase that the grant at the same that a set of the levy is or half and the same that a set of the